

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 98-6-15**

Date Prepared: June 11, 1998  
For Work Week Commencing: June 15, 1998  
Business Meeting: June 15, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. USWC Docket N98.5.113 – USWC Summer Solutions Promotion (6/16/98)
2. USWC Docket D97.5.87 – USWC Comments to FCC re: OSS Measurements – To review WUTC's comments to the FCC regarding NPRM for OSS measurements. Discuss reply comments (6/16/98)
3. USWC Docket D96.12.220 – USWC Rate Rebalancing – To consider docket issues including: USWC/MCC stipulation and pay phone issued. Direction to draft order (6/16/98)
4. MPC Docket D97.7.90 – MPC Electric Restructuring – Discuss tier 1 issues, get commission direction for order (6/16/98)
5. MPC Docket D97.7.90 – MPC Electric Restructuring – Discuss MPC motion to strike portions of DEQ's legal brief, DEQ's response (6/16/98)

6. PacificCorp Docket D97.7.91 – PacificCorp Electric Restructuring – Discuss order on Large Customer Choice (6/16/98)
7. Montana Universal Access Applications – Waive application deadline for late-filed applications if needed (6/16/98)
8. Missoula Water Works – Discuss and act on annual report filing and jurisdiction question (6/16/98)
9. Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting.

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MCI - Docket N98.6.117 (Tina)

On May 27, 1998, MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-09 to add a late fee to General Rules and Regulations and to clarify the applicability of Market Area Calling for Option G and Option W. This filing also introduced a new rate category (Volume Discount) to Option Y and Option BB that does not require Commission approval.

2. MCI - Docket N98.5.109 (Tina)

On May 21, 1998, MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-10 to remove state specific rate and defer to MCI's FCC tariff for Option Y MCI One Number and Option AA P800. This filing also increased rates for different options and those rate changes do not require Commission approval.

3. LINDA VISTA WATER CO. - D98.4.84 (Dave)

On April 16, 1998, Linda Vista Water Company filed an application for a water main extension policy to their tariff, they are proposing a 40-year advance contract be used to fund an extension. This addition would also allow Linda Vista to acquire existing mains already in service and connected to their system, as an advanced contract under Rule 1. This filing was noticed to the public on May 22, 1998.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. AT&T Communications Docket N.98.6.126 (Nina)

On June 8, 1998, AT&T Communications filed Advice 98-10, adding text changes to grandfather AT&T Masterline, One Line Wats, Wats, and 800 Services. This filing is to become effective June 17, 1998.

2. CENTURYTEL - Docket N98.6.122 (Tina)

On June 5, 1998, CenturyTel filed Advice No. 98-7 to cancel in its entirety its Access Service tariff, PSC Mont. AC-3, and replace with new tariff, PSC Mont. AC-4. The purpose of this filing is to reflect a change in the company's legal name to CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. No rates, rules, or regulations are being changed by this filing.

3. CENTURYTEL - Docket N98.6.121 (Tina)

On June 4, 1998, CenturyTel filed Tariff Advice No. 98-6 to add an additional category for volume discounts, to change the company name on the price lists to CenturyTel of Montana, dba CenturyTel, and to update references to indicate Tariff PSC Mont. No. 12, replacing Tariff PSC Mont. No. 11. The additional category for volume discounts affects Voice Mail Service, which is a detariffed service, but the terms and conditions have been changed to create a new category. CenturyTel requests to have a separate category for customers subscribing to 151 or more mailboxes. The minimum rate will remain the same for each category; however, the currently charged rate would be \$1.00 less per mailbox for customers subscribing to 151 or more mailboxes, compared to customers subscribing to 100-150 mailboxes.

4. CENTURYTEL - Docket N98.6.123 (Tina)

On June 4, 1998, CenturyTel filed Advice No. 98-5 to replace PSC Mont. No. 11 with PSC Mont. No. 12. The purpose of this filing is to reflect a change in the company's legal name to CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. No rates, rules, or regulations are being changed by this filing.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

D98.5.100 USWC – EAS True-Up Rate Reduction and Refund

Notice of Staff Action granting intervention

D97.10.206 USWC – Review of Yellowstone EAS Region

Notice of Staff Action granting intervention

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-06-22**

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**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D98.6.118	Withdrawn
N98.6.119	Valley Telephone Co. – Data requests for audit
N98.6.120	Project Telephone Co. – Data requests for audit
N98.6.121	Century Telephone – name change
N98.6.122	Century Telephone – name change
N98.6.123	Century Telephone – name change
N98.6. 124	Sprint – name change & price change
D98.6.125	USWC – Interconnection agreement
N98.6.126	AT&T – tariffs, Masterline, WATS & 800
D98.6.127	Havre Pipeline – Transportation rate increase
D98.6.128	Montana-Dakota Utilities – gas tracker